

Coast Guard, DHS

§ 154.810

NOTE: A list of entities accepted to certify facility vapor control system installations is available from the Commandant (G-MSO).

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§ 154.808 Vapor control system, general.

(a) A vapor control system design and installation must eliminate potential overflow hazards, overpressure and vacuum hazards, and sources of ignition to the maximum practical extent. Each remaining hazard source which is not eliminated must be specifically addressed in the protection system design and operational requirements.

(b) Vapor collection system piping and fittings must be in accordance with ANSI B31.3 and designed for a maximum allowable working pressure of at least 150 psig. Valves and flanges must be in accordance with ANSI B16.5 or B16.24, 150 pound class.

(c) All electrical equipment used in a vapor control system must comply with NFPA 70.

(d) Any pressure, flow, or concentration indication required by this part must provide a remote indicator on the facility where the cargo transfer and vapor control systems are controlled.

(e) Any alarm condition specified in this part must activate an audible and visible alarm where the cargo transfer and vapor control systems are controlled.

(f) The vapor control system must be separated or insulated from external heat sources to limit vapor control system piping surface temperature to not more than 177 °C. (350 °F.) during normal operation.

(g) A means must be provided to eliminate any liquid condensate from the vapor collection system which carries over from the vessel or condenses as a result of an enrichment process.

(h) If a liquid knockout vessel is installed it must have:

(1) A means to indicate the level of liquid in the device;

(2) A high liquid level sensor that activates an alarm; and

(3) A high level sensor that closes the remotely operated cargo vapor shutoff valve required by §154.810(a) of this subpart and shuts down any compressors or blowers prior to liquid carrying over from the vessel to the compressor or blower.

(i) Vapor collection piping must be electrically grounded and electrically continuous.

(j) If the facility handles inerted vapors of cargoes containing sulfur, provisions must be made to control heating from pyrophoric iron sulfide deposits in the vapor collection line.

§ 154.810 Vapor line connections.

(a) A remotely operated cargo vapor shutoff valve must be installed in the vapor collection line between the facility vapor connection and the nearest point where any inerting, enriching, or diluting gas is introduced into the vapor collection line or where a detonation arrester is fitted. The valve must:

(1) Close within thirty (30) seconds after detection of a shutdown condition by a component required by this subpart;

(2) Close automatically if the control signal is lost;

(3) Activate an alarm when a signal to shut down is received;

(4) Be capable of manual operation or manual activation;

(5) Have a local valve position indicator or be designed so that the valve position can be readily determined from the valve handle or valve stem position; and

(6) If the valve seat is fitted with resilient material, not allow appreciable leakage when the resilient material is damaged or destroyed.

(b) Except when a vapor collection arm is used, the last 1.0 meter (3.3 feet) of vapor piping before the facility vapor connection must be:

(1) Painted red/yellow/red with:
(i) The red bands 0.1 meter (0.33 feet) wide, and

(ii) The middle yellow band 0.8 meter (2.64 feet) wide; and

(2) Labeled "VAPOR" in black letters at least 50 millimeters (2 inches) high.

(c) Each facility vapor connection flange must have a permanently attached 0.5 inch diameter stud at least